



Parish of Wiverton in the Vale:  
One flock, One Shepherd, Six Pastures  
Notices 28<sup>th</sup> November 2021  
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**DIARY FOR THE WEEK (correct at time of going to press)**

**SUNDAY 28<sup>th</sup> November**

10.30am – Holy Communion (St Giles, Cropwell Bishop)

10.30am – Holy Communion (All Saints, Granby)

**MONDAY 29<sup>th</sup> November**

9.00am – All Parish Morning Prayer (via Zoom)

**WEDNESDAY 1<sup>st</sup> December**

10.00am – 11.30am St Giles' Cropwell Bishop Coffee, Cake and Chat with Bellringing Beginners.

**FRIDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> December**

9.00am – All Parish Morning Prayer (via Zoom)

5.00pm – Colston Bassett's Evening Prayer (via Zoom) **1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Fridays only**

**SUNDAY 5<sup>th</sup> December**

10.30am – All Age All Parish Holy Communion (St Andrew's, Langar)

**READINGS**

Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> November – Luke 21.25-36 , 1 Thessalonians 3.9-end

**SERVICES**

**As we move forward .... Covid-19 guidelines for our churches**

We continue to review and update our Coronavirus policy and risk assessments. We respectfully request that;

- We maintain the practice of hand hygiene. There will be sanitiser gel available for use before and after each service.
- We continue to wear masks in church, especially as we move around and sing.
- We will maintain social distancing of a minimum of one metre. For those wishing more space notices will be supplied with the wording '*Please leave this space free*' that people can place on the adjacent seat.

Holy Communion will continue to be offered in one kind, that is the bread only.

## DATES FOR THE DIARY

**11<sup>th</sup> December - Our annual "Christmas Cheer"** sing-a-long concert will be held in All Saints Church, Granby on Saturday 11th December at 7.00pm with seasonal songs for all the family. Tickets £5 each (children free). Numbers will be limited this year. Contact Carole Headland (01949 850940) or Isabel Daw (01949 851212). Please wear a face mask.

**20<sup>th</sup> December - A Christmas Celebration**, 7.30pm in Southwell Minster. Southwell Music Festival is holding an evening of seasonal words and choral music performed by Southwell Festival Voices. Call the Box Office on 01636 330014 or book on line [www.ticketsource.co.uk/southwell-music-festival](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/southwell-music-festival)



**Current Appeal – Self Help Africa** – check the website, [www.wivertoninthevale.co.uk/appeal](http://www.wivertoninthevale.co.uk/appeal) for how to donate.



## CAN YOU SING? COME AND JOIN THE CHOIR

Our friendly church choir would like to recruit new singers of every voice part (soprano, alto, tenor, bass) to support worship on an occasional basis. We are looking for enthusiastic individuals with the ability to sing in tune and at least a basic understanding of musical notation. Previous choral experience would be advantageous but is not essential. To find out more, contact Musical Director Mark Snelgrove at [mark.snelgrove@btinternet.com](mailto:mark.snelgrove@btinternet.com) or Hilary Tabron at [hilarytabron@uwclub.net](mailto:hilarytabron@uwclub.net) or on 0115 9894836.

## CHRISTMAS SHOEBOXES

Today I have delivered the last load of full shoeboxes to the checking centre in Nottingham, bringing the total from our Parish to a magnificent 56 boxes! Added to this were very many hand knitted hats and mittens.

Thank you, everyone, for your love and generosity. A special thanks goes to Edna Stanley who knitted 3 crates full, and who would appreciate any donations of oddments of wool to start on next year's marathon knit! Also special thanks to Cropwell Bishop Youth Club who together filled 6 boxes and enjoyed it so much they plan to scale up next year! Finally, I single out Angie Nixon who helped me collecting and delivering and stored all the boxes in her house.

At the receiving end, probably Romania, there will be 56 children made happy by their presents and the knowledge that someone cares for them. At this end we have been blessed as we give. So many people have told me their shoebox gift is their best gift of Christmas. Thank you again on behalf of your child, *Vivien*

## **LOCKDOWN LETTERS From the Rectory and Beyond**

### **REFLECTIONS by Revd Clare Le Marchant Connell**

Luke 21 is headed “SIGNS of the end of the age”. If we saw this as a newspaper headline we might react in several different ways, either, I suggest with the usual contempt of further fake and dramatic news (the object after all is to sell more papers) or, alternatively we could find ourselves being somewhat intrigued, if the latter we would hopefully be interested in it as being the pre cursor to the second coming of Jesus Christ, that would really be news!

Jesus was speaking with his disciples, a sort of question and answer session had developed but now he was speaking seriously as to what was to come, the end it seems will come “like a thief in the night”.

In the last days, “Nations will be in anguish and perplexity at the roaring and tossing of the sea. Men will faint from terror, apprehensive of what is coming on the world for the heavenly bodies will be shaken” then follows the wonderful news that “at that time they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great Glory, when these things begin to take place, stand up and lift up your heads because your redemption is drawing near.

During the last year or so, we with others around the world have lived with degrees of apprehension and fear. We have felt out of our depth and been powerless to control the events that threaten our lives and the lives of those whom we love, and those for whom we pray. We are living in times of great uncertainty not least because of the fearful threat posed to the world of Global Warming with all its devastating effects. Certainly we are in times of ‘perplexity and anxiety’ yet Jesus instructed those listening to him to “be careful or your hearts will be weighed down with dissipation drunkenness and the anxieties of life” we can so easily fail to remember what follows.

I wonder how many of us truly believe and look forward to that promised moment of the second coming of Jesus Christ our Saviour.

One dark night, some 20 or so years ago Fred and I were driving back from college, suddenly great sheets of light illuminated the sky above us and shafts of coloured light rose like gigantic pillars piercing the surrounding mist. The effect was extraordinary. This could be not unlike that image of the cloud in which Jesus will one day return with “Power and great glory”. We shortly identified the area from which this light emerged, but it gave us food for thought, redemption will one day come and Jesus will return. Paul wrote “May Jesus Christ strengthen your hearts so you will be blameless and holy in the presence of God our Father when our Lord Jesus Christ comes with all His holy ones”.

## HELPING REFUGEES

Nearly there!

Thank you so much for your food commodities for the refugees arriving in Nottingham. We have donated some 92.75kg covering 233 items for refugees in the first 6 weeks of the appeal. Please keep donating, our targets of 100kg and 250 items are now within reach with 1 week remaining. Many people are benefitting from your generosity. *Peter Hills*

### **Asylum seekers being accommodated at the Belvoir Hotel on Redmile Lane**

51 young men aged between 18 and 25 are currently residing at the newly re-named Belvoir Hotel at the junction of the A52 and Redmile Lane waiting for their applications to be assessed. Orston School and community have been donating clothing items for the men but apparently the hotel say that they are desperately in need of indoor items to help the men to keep busy, especially as the weather turns dark and cold. They suggest donations of the following items:

**Board games, Packs of cards and card games, Jigsaw puzzles**

**Books including children's books for those learning to read English**

If you would like to donate, there will be a collecting box in Granby Church.

### KEY CONTACTS

**Revd. Rachel** – on sick leave until the end of January, please address enquires to the Parish Administrator

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Any concerns regarding a safeguarding issue should be directed to:

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**Further information and contact details can be found on the parish website at [www.wivertoninthevale.co.uk/whos-who](http://www.wivertoninthevale.co.uk/whos-who)**

**Copy deadline for items to be included in the next week's Notice Sheet:  
Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2021, to the Parish Administrator.**